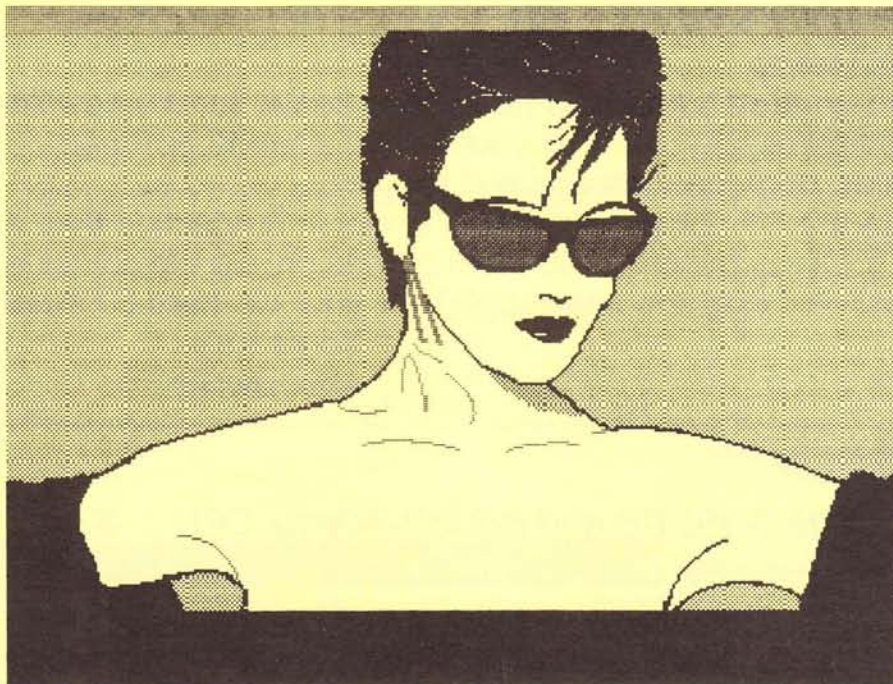


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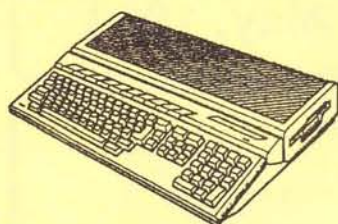


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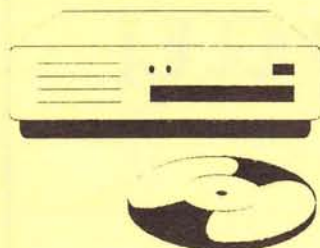
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OUR 8-BIT DISKS

by Bob Scholar SLCC 8-bit Software Chairman

SLCC (1104, 1105) - April & May 1993

General Comments:

The latest news about the new AC (Atari Classics) Magazine is that the April 1993 issue is being mailed out. This is Vol.2, No.2. I still work at being Advertising Editor. Get in your subscription, - if you do not have one already! (Maybe, even if you do-- it makes a great gift!)

The heading above is'nt garbled! Our DOM this time occupies four disk sides (two disks) so I am giving them two numbers, for easy reference.

Our next disk will be #1106, and it will be released in June. We have been out of step for some time! Just be sure that you get both these disks when you buy this program!

This is our first DTP (Desk Top Publishing) disk. I've been thinking about it for some time, but I had not found anything I felt was good enough for our library. While I was looking for ideas for our DOM, MACAM's 4/93 disk arrived. It was double density and ARced, but it had PAGE EDITOR by Alan Kirk. After I finished UNARcing and copying it to single density (and fixing some code Bugs too) I realized it was a real gem- and PD to boot!

The printout titled PAGE EDITOR, accompanying this article (in the May SLCC Journal) is an example page from the third side of this disk series. I did it on my 9-pin STAR Gemini-10X.

These 2 disks include four DOC. files;- two (the main ones) are in 70 column format; and two are 37 column.

D.O.M. Summary:

Alan Kirk's Page Editor ver. 3.3 comes in response to a long felt need in the 8-bit community, for a WYSIWYG program. It permits you to lay out a full (almost full?) 8.5" by 11" page.

You can adapt any 9-sector font with its simple conversion utility;- any Print Shop graphic (with another simple conversion utility); or import text from any word processor (but, be

aware- all custom formatting commands will be lost!).

Overall, it's a fine program and Alan has graciously released it into the Public Domain. It's BASIC, with M/L subroutines. It works perfectly well with Turbo Basic, for about a 3 times speed increase.

The program is simple to use and best of all, - fonts and clip art are virtually unlimited! There are a lot of PD 9-sector fonts. Clip art can be found on many graphics disks;- or any 62 sector Graphics-8 file can be used as a starting point.

MACAM's editor (D. Paterson) has also included 2 files- BASICON.COM & BASICOFF.COM to toggle your internal BASIC on and off in an XL or XE. For those of us using MYDOS, rather than SPARTADOS, it's a handy little tool.

Contents - #1104 & #1105:

#1104 Front ("A")- Intro, & Docs.
SLCC1104.DOC- THE disk DOC.
PAGEEDIT1.DOC & PAGEEDIT2.DOC- the 2 main program DOCs. NOTE that the files (see list on page I-2) have been rearranged.
READER.BAS- hardcopies main DOCs.
BASICON.COM & BASICOFF.COM- toggles internal BASIC (XL & XE).
PRNTSTR3.BAS- to print CONFIGUR.DOC (37 col. format)- disk side "C".
MENUYD, MYDOS, TITLE, etc.

#1104 Back ("B")- the main work-disk.
AUTORUN.SYS- TurboBasic (NTSC ver.)
EDITOR.BAS- PE (Page Editor)- text and graphics, - main program.
PEPRINT.BAS- PE printer-driver, set up here for my Gemini-10X (& compatibles!) side "C" has others.
All (13) of the other files on this side are Auxiliaries. See the PE DOCs for explanations.

#1105 Front ("C")- printer-drivers & DOC; Sample Page; MENUYD; MYDOS.
CONFIGUR.DOC- discusses some of the items to consider for configuring

a number of printers to use Page Editor. It's in 37 col. format- use PrintStar for a printout. You should print and read this one!

Printer-drivers on this side are:-

PEWIDE.BAS- same as the original PEPRINT.BAS, - on side "B".

PENX10.BAS- for StarNX10.

PEQD.BAS- for some "Epson compatibles" which support 'Quadruple Density' (like my Gemini-10X).

PEQDHD.BAS- a variant of PEQD.BAS with HIGHER DENSITY! I used it to print out the sample page in the May SLCC Journal. See the section on 'Program Details and Tips', below. The printout is good, but very slow!

PENEWS. (1, 2, 3, and 4)- are the 4 (horizontal) panels of the sample page referred to above.

MENUYD and MYDOS are also on this disk;- for booting and easy use.

#1105 Back ("D")- Data files.

The data disk;- it has these files:
FoNTs (6) for large size text.
TYPeFaces (5) for normal text.
ART (or clipART) files- 48.

NOTE: That side "B" has another FNT & TYP; and side "C" has 2 graphics files. Only 5 more files can be stored on "D";- the DIRectory is nearly full!

Program Details & Tips:

Side "A":

* READER.BAS replaces DOCREAD.BAS.
* The left margins of the 2 main DOC. files are too narrow for binding.

Side "B":

* TurboBasic is the NTSC version.
* Files were renamed for autobooting.
* Screen is fuzzy on a color monitor.
* I'm still trying out this program!

Side "C":

* Do lines 800 and 880 need revision?
* Printer control is lower case "z"- (ASCII #122)- NOT UPPER CASE "Z"!!
* CONFIGUR.DOC was slightly revised.

Side "D":

* Don't Boot it - it has no DOCs!

Page Editor

"The WYSIWYG Text & Graphics Editor"

Version 3.3

October 1992

by Alan Kirk

What's WYSIWYG?

WYSIWYG Means "What You See Is What You Get." With Page Editor the screen displays 80 columns of text and any graphics just the way it will look on the printed page! This helps take the guesswork, trial and error out of page layout.

Page Editor Is Different!

Page Editor isn't like other desktop publishing packages for the 8-bit Atari. It offers you features the others don't have:

† You can create graphics and text in a variety of sizes anywhere on the same screen, and no switching program modules!

† Your page is comprised of four panels... half of what other packages require.

† With panels stored in a RAMdisk you can virtually "scroll" back and forth through an entire page.

Printing Is Easy

When you're ready to print your page, Page Editor gives you the option to "quickprint" or "typeset." With "quickprint" you get a screen image sent directly to your printer... handy for doing a draft when your page is not yet in final form.

The "typeset" feature allows you to choose a type style for the text on your page. Five are included in the Page Editor package. You can make more yourself with the Page Editor Typeface Maker!



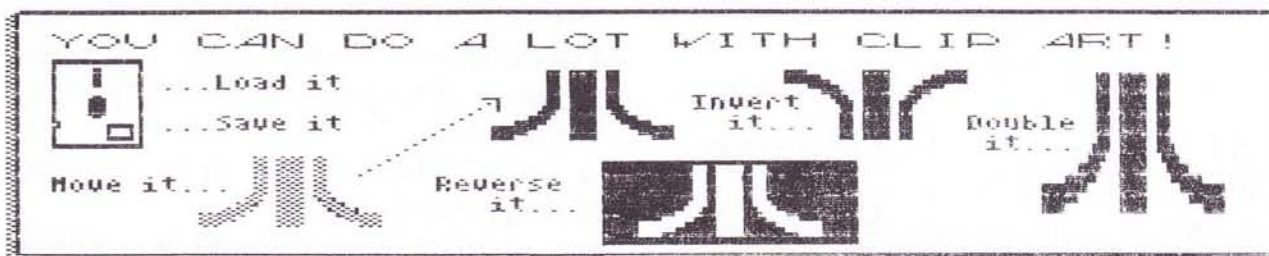
Utilities Too!

The Page Editor package also includes utilities to make it all the more versatile for you:

1. Convert word processor text files to Page Editor format in single or multiple columns.
2. Convert your favorite clip art from the Print Shop by Broderbund for use in Page Editor.
3. Create new "typefaces" for printing your Page Editor pages, using standard Atari fonts.

Use Turbo-BASIC!

Page Editor is written in BASIC, with some machine language sub-routines. While it will run fine in Atari BASIC, it is a bit slow. Turbo-BASIC by Frank Ostrowski is just the ticket for Page Editor, running at about TRIPLE the speed of Atari BASIC. If you have not tried Turbo-BASIC in your Atari, I recommend that you give it a try. It's great!



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Host - Lou Rocha

<[IRATA native] S.MILLER58 > how
will we go about getting MT? I
would like to get a copy _the_ day it is
released, even if I have
to drive to San Jose to get it. It's only 180
miles from me. And
is SGDOS easy to set up and use? ga

<BOB-BRODIE > We will be selling
MultiTOS to our dealers, so you
will be able to order it from your dealer
with little problem.
Speedo is very easy to use. There is a
diskette with an install
program that works just fine, and
prompts you through about four
disks to install your printer driver, and
the .ACCs for the fonts
and the printer drivers. ga

<[IRATA native] S.MILLER58 > I have
a dealer here in San Luis
Obispo, but he told me just the other day
he has had NO contact
with atari corp. What about that kind of
thing?

<BOB-BRODIE > Who's the dealer?

<[IRATA native] S.MILLER58 >
Computer Logic

<BOB-BRODIE > I have a feeling that
he is buying everything from
one of our distributors, Pacific Software
Supply, which by
coincidence, is also located in San Luis
Obispo. :) He'll
probably be able to continue buying
product like Works/Speedo
from him.

BTW, we had Travis Guy, our editor of
Atari Explorer Online just
run the PageStream/Aladdin combo.
Worked fine, as long as he ran
Aladdin first. He said that PageStream
likes to grab most of the
ram right away. :) ga

<MIKE-ALLEN > Next is K.Richard.

<K.RICHARD2 > About optional HD
will it be available in different
megs??ga

<BOB-BRODIE > Yes, basically it will
be in 80 meg, 120 megs, and
200 megs. The price will vary according
to market conditions on
the HDs. Virtually all of the machines
that have been ordered at
this... point have been 4 meg/65 meg
machines, so that's what the
initial shipments will be. Probably in

April or May, I don't have a copy of the production schedule in front of me. To be sure, we want to supply the users with the one meg machine as well, and also make it easy for them to get the HD kit in a sensible fashion. BTW, did I mention that we're thinking of a Four Meg/No HD combo? Some of our dealers have thought that it would be a good offering to have in the product line. ga

<MIKE-ALLEN> How about a 14 meg no HD combo? ga

<BOB-BRODIE> You can order the one meg machine and a fourteen meg ram board to get that unit, Mike. We will have upgrade boards for four megs of ram, and fourteen megs of ram. :) Then of course, you could order the HD kit with the 200 meg HD!

<MIKE-ALLEN> Next is John.

<[John] JKUEHN> Eric, What is the reason that MiNT Ver 0.95 and the ICDXX.XFS combination only reads Kodak ISO9660 Photo-CD disks? Bob, ICD says that they are currently waiting for a fix from Atari for a problem with Metados 2.0. Comments? GA.

<[Eric Smith] ST-GUEST> I haven't seen the ICD .XFS file system, so I don't know why it only reads Kodak disks. Probably it's based on an older version of the .XFS driver (which was developed originally by the same developer doing Photo CD, so he obviously had a certain focus :-). Also, MiNT 0.95 is very old; the version going into MultiTOS is 1.04. GA

<BOB-BRODIE> John, don't know...better check with Bill Rehbock on that one. ga

<MIKE-ALLEN> Next is Sean from TWS

<[Sean@TWS] S.DOUGHERTY1> How much will the monitor adaptors cost (estimate okay), and do you need both for a multisync monitor? Could you say if Alan Skaggs of A-Online Computing in Tampa, FL is a real dealer? GA Sean, the monitor adapter go for about \$15 if memory serves me correctly. For a MultiSynch monitor, you'll just need to VGA. A-Online in Florida does have an account with us, mostly he just buys parts, and does service. I don't believe that he sells new product, but I'm not 100% sure about that one.ga

<[Sean@TWS] S.DOUGHERTY1> Can you get the TV/ST resolutions on a MultiSync using the VGA adaptor? ga

<BOB-BRODIE> I think that it depends on the monitor, not the connection...

<MIKE-ALLEN> Now Brian again.

<BRIAN.H> Hi again. What does/can ATARI offer to user groups to promote the ATARI line of computers? I believe user groups are the the most economical form of advertising for ATARI. Do you have press kits, information packages, etc.? What about lending of equipment for mall presentations, etc. I am amazed at the number

of members in the user group I am in, considering there is no dealer within 20 hours of driving. GA?

<BOB-BRODIE> Brian, in the past we have offered user groups a tremendous amount of support in the form of free equipment on loan for their shows, like mall presentations, etc. We have not, as a rule, sent out Press kits to user groups, because the material that we send to the public vs. the press vs. the dealers is all different. For example, in Milwaukee every summer, we loan about 50+ systems to a user group for use at a huge gaming convention, and they also manage to make a little bit of money off of it. I feel that in the next year, we'll be more inclined to do those things in conjunction with a DEALER as well as a user group. Often, we're much better off working through the dealer than just the user group. The user group is always very enthusiastic about the product, but not always as sales oriented as we'd like. For example, in Las Vegas this past COMDEX, we had (as we always do) a great group of guys from the Las Vegas groups helping us out with the Falcon030 set up, etc. But they were really having a great time checking out the machines for *themselves* as well, if you know what I mean. :) ga

<BRIAN.H> I agree Bob a dealer would be best. But in our case A show or proper presentation may attract a dealer. Thanks for the answers, I really appreciate them. GA

<ST.LOU> Thank you Mike for backing me up tonight. Bob and Eric, it's been a long night, full of terrific information. I look forward to preparing tonight's transcript and reading what I missed <grin> Thanks again Eric. See you in April, Bob!

<ST.LOU> Closing comments, Bob, Eric?

<[Eric Smith] ST-GUEST> You're very welcome.

<BOB-BRODIE> Thanks again for a wonderful evening on GENIE. I hope that it was as much fun for all of you as we had. This time we had a total of four people online in my office for most of the night, and had a terrific time! I'm looking forward to next month's CO already! Thanks again, and goodnight!



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Moran's Minutes

by Jim Moran

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The meeting was called to order by President Bob Wololey at 8:04 PM. Officers Robert Bridges, Glenn Fowler and Jim Moran were all present.

In general discussion the Atari Interface Magazine's problems were discussed and how they were being handled, compared to Antic and Start magazines both of which left all of us holding the bag.

We have a request from outside the club for information on Atari FOURTH language. If you have any info on Fourth give the President a call.

8 Bit software chairman Bob Scholar described and demonstrated this month's floppy. Survival.bas seems to be a good one. Something about surviving a jump from an 8 Bit to an ST or maybe a 486, well it's something like that. The other featured program is Clark Cant's Blackjack Utility, which explains how you lose your money when you play blackjack.

Bob also offered assistance to anyone needing it on "GENIE".

Tonight's Guest, the one and only ALEX from ATY. Alex brought a computer with one of David Small's "SST 68030" Boards to demonstrate. Jim Hood brought his "TT" which of course also uses a 68030 chip for comparison. The TT is rated at 30mhz and the SST is rated at 50mhz. For comparison with the plain vanilla ST the club's MEGA 2 was also in attendance.

Had all the operators been equal the TT would probably have won the demo hands down, however handicapped as it was with an ex-officer running it the two machines were pretty evenly matched. Compared to a standard ST their speed is impressive.

Alex also brought one of his Floptical drives to show. The Floptical holds 21 megabytes on a small 3.5" disk which looks like a regular floppy. It operates 3 times faster than a regular floppy drive but only a fifth as fast as a hard drive. Cost

\$400 plus an adapter at \$90. The disks cost less than \$20.

Mike Fulton, ATARI's finest, brought another 68030 machine, the illusive Falcon, but unfortunately did not have the setup to run the same demo as our other machines. Mike did bring samples of and demonstrated some of the latest game software that is being made ready for the Falcon. One was called HUMANS, a lemmings like game, the other SPACE JUNK. One thing that should make the Falcon popular with teenagers is the very capable audio which on a clear night should be good for several miles.

Mike said the final revision of the new WORKS program for the Falcon has been sent for testing that day and will, be ready shortly but not with the first Falcon's.

The latest rumor has it that the plane carrying the Falcons went down in the Pacific near Earhart triangle and Bob Brodie was sent out in a row boat to bring them the rest of the way. With a good guy like Brodie on the job the Falcons will soon be in our hands. You should of course, look the boxes over for water stains before buying one.

As the last bit of business the President opened nominations for 1993 - 1994 Officers. The following were nominated,

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More nominations next month.

After the regular crooked raffle the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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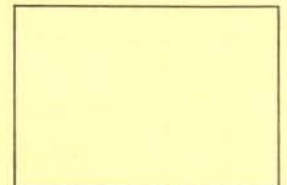
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